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Recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HAYWORTH submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

RESOLUTION

Recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem.

Whereas approximately 3,000,000 reports of suspected or known child abuse and neglect involving 5,000,000 American children are made to child protective service agencies each year;

Whereas 588,000 American children are unable to live safely with their families and are placed in foster homes and institutions;

Whereas it is estimated that more than 1,200 children, 85 percent of whom are under the age of 6 years and 44 percent of whom are under the age of 1 year, lose their lives as a direct result of abuse and neglect every year in the United States;

Whereas this tragic social problem results in human and economic costs due to its relationship to crime and delinquency, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, and welfare dependency; and

Whereas Childhelp USA has initiated a “Day of Hope” to be observed on Wednesday, April 2, 2003, during Child Abuse Prevention Month, to focus public awareness on this social ill: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) it is the sense of the House of Representa-
3 tives that—

4 (A) all Americans should keep the victims
5 of child abuse and neglect in their thoughts and
6 prayers;

7 (B) all Americans should seek to break the
8 cycle of child abuse and neglect and to give
9 these victimized children hope for the future;
10 and

11 (C) the faith community, nonprofit organi-
12 zations, and volunteers across the United States
13 should recommit themselves and mobilize their
14 resources to assist these abused and neglected
15 children; and

16 (2) the House of Representatives—

17 (A) supports the goals and ideals of the
18 “Day of Hope”, which was initiated by
19 Childhelp USA; and

1 (B) commends Childhelp USA for all of its
2 efforts on behalf of abused and neglected chil-
3 dren throughout the United States.

